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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2005 requiring election of species under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute Species III. It is believed that at least claims 1-6 and 8-13 correspond to the elected species.

The election requirement is traversed because it is believed that each of the species is sufficiently related to be examined in one patent application.

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